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LOK SABHA

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REVIEW OF SECURITY INTELLIGENCE SYSTEM IN DELHI
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to beat up the security in New Delhi in the light of total failure of security and intelligence system as exposed on 25.7.2001;

(b) whether the Government have reviewed the security/Intelligence system in view of the fact that the number of bomb blasts occurred in VVIP and sensitive areas recently; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a)to(c): Smt. Phoolan Devi was provided in July, 1994 with three plain-clothes Personal Security Officers functioning round-the-clock in three shifts. This arrangement was commensurate with the threat perception to her security and continued till the very end. The Personal Security Officer who accompanied her on the fateful day made all possible efforts to protect her from the assailants and in the process was grievously injured.

The investigation so far made in the case tends to establish that this heinous act was executed by the killers after meticulous planning over a period of time. The prime suspect had successfully managed to win her confidence and gain access to her as is evident from the fact that it was he who drove her in his car from her residence to the Parliament House earlier in the day she was brutally gunned down. It is not, therefore, appropriate to conclude that it was because of any security lapse that this unfortunate incident took place.

The three incidents of explosions in the New Delhi area in the month of May, 2001 were worked out by Delhi Police with the arrest of two militants on July 31, 2001.

Review of security arrangements for VVIPs and VIPs is a continuous process since security arrangements are decided on the basis of prevailing threat perception which keeps on changing from time to time. Delhi Police have, however, further strengthened the overall security environment in Delhi in general and in New Delhi District in particular.